

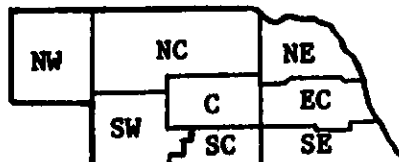
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## WEATHER

It was a cool week with scattered showers midweek. Rainfall averaged from traces in the southwest up to a half inch northeast. Average temperatures ranged from about normal in the Panhandle to one to three degrees below normal elsewhere.

## GENERAL

Predominantly dry conditions continued across Nebraska as many farmers prepared for fall harvesting. Premature drying of row crops remained evident due to warm temperatures and lack of moisture. Some producers were seeding wheat deeper than normal, while others delayed planting until rain is received. A few fields of corn were harvested in south central Nebraska last week. Dry bean harvest progressed well in the west. Other farm activities included haying, silage cutting, and fall tillage. An average of 6.2 days were available for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture conditions rated 73% short and 27% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 67% short and 33% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 74% short and 26% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 81% short and 19% adequate.

## CROPS

Corn condition in Nebraska rated 3% poor, 20% fair, 65% good and 12% excellent. Ninety-four percent of the irrigated crop was ranked in the good to

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excellent categories, a 3% decline from the previous week. Dryland corn condition rated 41% good to excellent, up from the 27% reported a week ago, but down slightly from 44% reported two weeks earlier. Corn in the dent stage was 94%, equal to last year and ahead of the 75% average. Corn at maturity reached 25%, behind last year's 35%, but equal to the 25% average.

Soybean condition rated 3% poor, 50% fair, and 47% good. Fifty percent of the soybeans were turning color, behind both 75% last year and 65% average. Shedding leaves had occurred on 15% of the acreage, compared to 35% last year and 25% average.

Condition of the sorghum crop rated 5% poor, 38% fair and 57% good. Sorghum turning color progressed to 70%, behind 91% a year ago and 80% average. Ten percent of the crop rated ripe, behind 20% for both last year and average.

Winter wheat seeding progressed to 50% planted, equal to 50% last year and 45% average. Moisture is still needed to encourage good emergence.

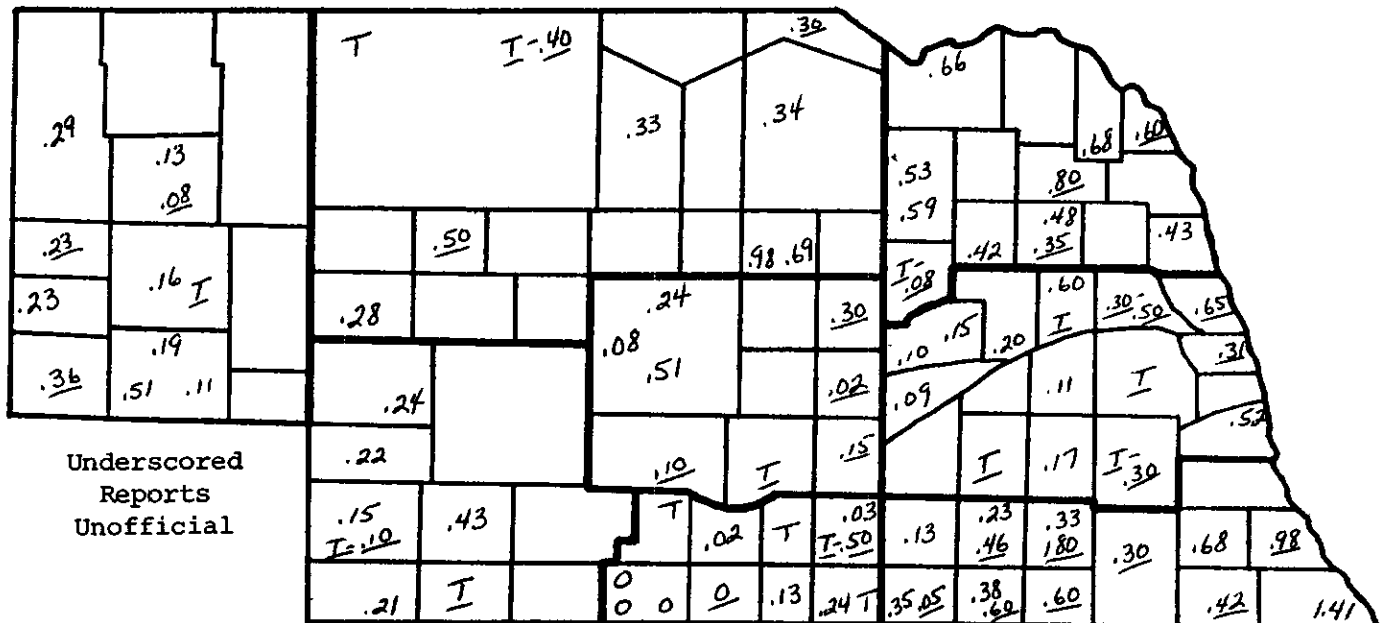
## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed condition rated 48% short and 52% adequate, a slight improvement over last week. However, pasture conditions remained dry and livestock continued to be moved from summer pasture.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 14, 1984

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.20	.40	.50	.30	.30	.30	.01	.10
Total since April 1.....	10.64	16.37	23.81	13.52	23.49	15.06	15.69	23.52
Normal since April 1.....	13.04	15.63	18.56	17.24	20.24	14.52	17.69	21.74

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1984



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1984

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	88	44	61	--	.06
	Scottsbluff	90	44	61	0	.21
	Sidney	90	39	58	--	.34
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	91	33	60	-1	.11
NE	Norfolk	92	37	62	-1	.52
	Sioux City	89	39	62	-2	.60
CEN	Grand Island	95	38	63	-1	.04
EC	Lincoln	95	35	63	-3	.01
	Omaha	91	43	63	-2	.29
SW	Imperial	95	43	63	--	0
	North Platte	93	35	59	-3	.20

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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